

Brassica oleracea* L. var. *oleracea

Wild Cabbage

Native

GB: Least Concern

England: Least Concern

GB Scarce

VC5 Absent; VC6 Extinct

A short-lived perennial found as a native on maritime cliffs, its distribution confused by garden escapes. First recorded in Somerset by Rev. J.C. Collins in Watson (1837) at Berrow, Brean and Steep Holms. Seen on Steep Holm by T.B. Flower in 1887 and on Brean Down by F.A. Knight (White, 1912), but never seen by White himself or by Murray (1896). All further records of *Brassica oleracea* in Somerset have been considered to be escapes from cultivation. As a probable native, this species is scattered around the coast of Britain; Somerset sites were within the native range of distribution.